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SUBJECT: SINGAPORE WRITERS WORKSHOP: VOLSPKR MARIE SQUERCIATTI

REF: SINGAPORE 1846 (NOTAL)

1. RPO RECOMMENDS KOREA FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR MARIE SQUERCIATTI TO CONDUCT UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE WRITERS WORKSHOP DURING PERIOD JULY 21 - AUGUST 4. HER BIO-DATA CONTAINED IN RPO REGIONAL VOLSPKR LISTING DISTRIBUTED NOVEMBER 1975. SEOUL DPAO HAS INTERVIEWED SQUERCIATTI FOR PROJECT AND BELIEVES HER TO BE EXCELLENT CANDIDATE.

2. PROF. SQUERCIATTI DEFINITELY AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING AT ONE POST ENROUTE SINGAPORE JULY 19-20, AND POSSIBLY DURING WEEK JULY 12-16 DEPENDING ON STILL UNCERTAIN UNIVERSITY EXAM SCHEDULE. MUST RETURN TO US IMMEDIATELY AFTER SINGAPORE PROGRAM.

3. SQUERCIATTI BIO-DATA CONTAINED RPO REGIONAL VOLSPKR LISTING DISTRIBUTED NOVEMBER 1975. ALTHOUGH NOT NOTED UNCLASSIFIED

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ON BIO-SHEET SHE TAUGHT TWO WRITING COURSES AT COLUMBIA

AND ONE AT QUEENS COLLEGE OVER 5 YEAR PERIOD. HER PUBLISHED WORKS INCLUDE ARTICLES ON THE ARTS, SOCIAL CRITICISM AND POLITICS. BEFORE GOING TO KOREA DR. SQUERCIATTI SERVED AS SPECIAL FELLOW OF TOKYO AMERICAN CENTER FOR FOUR MONTHS DURING WHICH TIME SHE LECTURED TO NUMEROUS UNIVERSITY AUDIENCES THROUGHOUT JAPAN. ALTHOUGH SHE ENCOUNTERED SOME DIFFICULTY WITH JAPANESE AUDIENCES AT FIRST, SHE RAPIDLY ADJUSTED AND BECAME SO POPULAR SHE RECEIVED MORE INVITATIONS THAN SHE COULD POSSIBLY FULFILL. HER EXPLANATION OF THE WOMEN'S LIB MOVEMENT IN US AND THE URBAN AMERICAN SOCIETY IN THE 1970'S WAS ESPECIALLY POPULAR WITH WOMEN'S GROUPS AND STUDENTS. ALL AMERICAN CENTER DIRECTORS IN JAPAN HAVE PRAISED HER HIGHLY FOR HER ABILITY ON LECTURE STAND AND IN DISCUSSION GROUPS. AMONG MANY WHO SPEAK HIGHLY OF SQUERCIATTI IS FORMER UN AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN. RPO AIRMAILING SINGAPORE ADDITIONAL BIO-DATA AND SAMPLES OF HER WRITING; WILL ALSO SUPPLY TO REQUESTING POSTS.

4. DR. SQUERCIATTI OFFERS TWO LECTURE TOPICS:
(A) AMERICAN WOMEN'S MOVEMENT AND (B) CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN LITERATURE. AIRMAILING TALKING POINTS AS SUPPLIED USIS JAPAN PREPARATORY TOKYO CENTER FELLOWSHIP.

5. TERMS: PER DIEM, \$50 HONORARIUM PER PROGRAM DAY AND IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL. SQUERCIATTI'S ROUND TRIP TRAVEL NEW YORK - SEOUL - NEW YORK COVERED BY FULBRIGHT COMMISSION. RPO WILL FUND DIVERSIONARY INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TO REQUESTING POSTS.

6. FOR SINGAPORE: ADVISE, ASAP INFO USIS SEOUL, IF SQUERCIATTI ACCEPTABLE FOR WORKSHOP. IF SO, RECOMMEND POST OR SPONSORS WRITE HER LETTER C/O USIS SEOUL GIVING FULL DETAILS AND SPECIFYING ANY ADVANCE PREPARATION REQUIRED.

7. FOR OTHER ADDRESSEES: ADVISE; INFO SEOUL, NLT MAY 7 WHETHER INTERESTED IN PROGRAMMING SQUERCIATTI AND, IF SO, PREFERRED DATES AND TOPICS. WILL CONFIRM
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